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SUBJ: INTEREST IN PALAU SUPERPORT(CTS)

REF: STATE 106563

1. ZEDER AND SUPERPORT PROMOTOR ROBERT PANERO CALLED ON THE AMBASSADOR APRIL 12 TO REPORT THAT THEY HAD MET WITH NIOC DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DR. PARVIZ MINA AND MEMBERS OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE HE APPOINTED TO KEEP TRACK OF PALAU SUPERPORT IDEA. AS FAR AS WE COULD TELL ZEDER'S MAIN PURPOSE WAS TO SUGGEST TO MINA THAT US GOVERNMENT BASICALLY TAKES OR WANTS TO TAKE FAVORABLE VIEW OF SUPERPORT CONCEPT. WE DO NOT KNOW SPECIFICS OF WHAT THEY DISCUSSED.

2. PANERO AGREED WITH DR. MINA'S COMMENTS, WHICH WE REPORTED TO ZEDER, TO EFFECT THAT "AS FAR AS NIOC IS CONCERNED THERE IS AS YET NO PROJECT." MINA HAD ALSO TOLD US PREVIOUSLY, AND PANERO AGREED WITH HIS ASSESSMENT, THAT NIOC IS SIMPLY WAITING FOR OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO COMPLETE FEASIBILITY AND OTHER STUDIES AFTER WHICH NIOC WILL DECIDE DEGREE OF ITS INTEREST, IF ANY, IN PALAU PROJECT. PANERO CLAIMED MINA IS NONETHELESS EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN PROJECT. WE CAN ONLY COMMENT THAT MINA HAS NOT EXHIBITED MORE THAN MILD INTEREST IN HIS TALKS WITH US ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. IN ANY CASE, GIVEN CURRENT NIOC WAIT-AND -SEE ATTITUDE, WE
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DO NOT BELIEVE ZEDER HAS DONE ANY DAMAGE HERE. OF POSSIBLE

INTEREST TO DEPARTMENT IS APPARENT ASSUMPTION OF ZEDER AND PANERO
(OR SO WE READ IT) THAT PALAU DISTRICT WILL INEVITABLY FORM
CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH US INDEPENDENTLY FROM REST OF TRUST
TERRITORY. INCIDENTALLY, WE RECEIVED NO NOTIFICATION
FROM DEPARTMENT THAT ZEDER WAS COMING HERE NOR DID WE
RECEIVE ANY INSTRUCTIONS AS TO HOW TO HANDLE
HIS VISIT.
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